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Black ice, whiteout conditions on Highway 2



photo by Tamara Collins

Extreme driving conditions created havoc on highway 2, Thursday, January 6th.

A 24-vehicle collision on Highway 2, in the southbound lanes between Carstairs and Didsbury, sent nine people to three different hospitals, Thursday morning.

Traffic was re-routed to secondary highways, at the Carstairs and Didsbury overpasses for the better part of the day, beginning at 11:30 a.m., Jan. 6.

The first of many calls, specific to this 24-vehicle collision, came in to 911 at approximately 11:30 a.m., a hysterical woman was calling from her cell phone, her vehicle had been hit and cars and semi trucks were smashing up all around her.

Innisfail RCMP Freeway Patrol reported 20 vehicles and four semi trucks with trailers were involved in the melee.

Nick Thain, Mountain View Regional Emergency Services, said nine people were taken to hospital, seven to Didsbury and Olds hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries and two to the Foothills Hospital, also with non-life-threatening injuries.

"The accident was so big Emergency medical crews responded from Calgary, Airdrie, Didsbury, Olds, and even Sundre.

Sundre EMS became involved when they came upon the accident during a patient transfer to Calgary," said Thain.

Raymond Yuen, of Red Deer, was driving to Calgary when he watched the incident unfold before his eyes.

He was in a southbound lane when two semi trucks, di-

rectly ahead of him, slid into each other's path and started the chain of events. Yuen's car hit the back end of one of those trucks.

"The first (semi) truck bounced off another truck's trailer," said Yuen.

"That truck managed to stop but everyone else didn't we couldn't see very far in front of us it was really bad.

"I hit the back of that truck. It happened so fast I couldn't think."

"I tried to get out of my vehicle, twice I could see all these vehicles coming. I could see another semi coming at me (from behind), so was another car, but he managed to avoid me and hit the ditch. Another lady hit that truck over there," said Yuen, pointing at a jackknifed semi,

demolished in the centre meridian.

Yuen said most of the people involved in the first group of accidents were okay. He said the driver of the third southbound semi wasn't as lucky.

"He jackknifed and hit a semi going north."

Yuen said things would have been much worse if everyone wasn't already slowed down because of icy whiteout conditions.

"No one was really going fast, that was a good thing."

RCMP said extremely poor road conditions, black ice, blowing snow and limited visibility were the cause of more than 20 separate accidents on Highway 2, in both north and southbound lanes.

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Trustees boost their own wage

By Shaune Mohl

Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) Trustees voted at their last meeting in December to boost their wage by two per cent, which will amount to only about \$25 more per month.

According to CESD Board Chairman Roy Brassard the two per cent raise isn't something anyone should really be worried about because this is the first raise trustees have had in about three years.

"We review it every year; it's just part of our orientation meeting. We didn't do anything last year, and I think it has almost been three years since we last gave ourselves a raise," Brassard said.

The raise comes after an October election which brought six new faces to the Board table, as there were only three incumbent trustees who were elected back.

Prior to this CESD Board had the same nine trustees sit together for two consecutive terms (six years).

"We decided, with the new board, if we kept it as a very modest raise that we should allow that to happen," Brassard said.

According to CESD Treasurer Susan Roy the actual costs of Trustees really isn't that significant, and last year it worked out to cost CESD, on average, \$14,471 per trustee.

Last year total honourariums (wages) cost \$105,575 for the year, as well as \$20,129 for benefits, and \$4,537 for allowance for a total cost of \$130,241 for all nine trustees.

CESD Trustees receive the same health benefits as any CESD employee.

Trustees are paid on a per diem basis of \$150 for a full-day meeting within the division and \$200 if it's outside of the division. For half-day meetings they receive \$75 per meeting.

Monthly the trustees are also given an allowance for different expenses, such as having to keep their office at home since there is no space provided to them at the Central Office in Innisfail.

by Tamara Collins

Man assaults pregnant woman

A 43-year-old Didsbury man who assaulted his pregnant girlfriend, giving her a bloody nose, has been fined.

Stephen Gale pleaded guilty to a charge of assault Jan. 5.

On July 24 Gale and his girlfriend who had just moved back in with him had each drank four ounces of hard alcohol when they started arguing about the child she was pregnant with, court heard.

Gale tried to leave but the girlfriend tried to stop him and accidentally hit him in the foot with the door, Gale then pushed her, she hit him in the head and he punched her in the nose.

"I over reacted to the situation," said Gale. "I was trying to leave and she would not let me. If I had to do it over I would not do it again."

Gale was fined \$500, put on probation for one year and had to submit a DNA sample.

"It sounds like you did everything right except when you hit the victim," said Judge Bruce Fraser. "I don't feel its necessary to send you to jail."

Careless driver hits powerpole

An Olds man who crashed his car into a powerpole causing his vehicle to roll over on 46th St and 49th Ave in Olds and then left the scene of the accident has been fined.

Ian Kane of Olds pleaded guilty Jan. 5 to charges of careless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. The RCMP went to his home after locating his address from the license plate on his car on April 24th, the night of the accident, the court heard.

Kane did breath over the legal limit of alcohol, but it was unknown to the RCMP

when the accident took place.

"He was seen running from the scene by a witness, but he was unrecognizable at that time," said Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott. "Un-

fortunately that witness was unable to be here today."

Kane was fined \$1000 for careless driving and \$150 for leaving the scene of the accident.

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Catholic school expansion vote date set

by Tamara Collins

After members of St. Anthony's Church completed a phone campaign it was decided a second vote date should be set to give Didsbury Catholic residents another chance to vote on whether the Red Deer Catholic School District should be expanded into Didsbury.

"The campaign was successful so a second date has been set," said Vince Ackerman, Red Deer Catholic Regional Division Development Coordinator.

"After this is complete the documents would be sent to Alberta Learning where they would be reviewed to make sure they are technically correct,"

Vince Ackerman, Red Deer Catholic Regional Division development Coordinator

The vote date has been set for January 27th at the 5-0 Club. Catholic residents are encouraged to be there by 7 p.m. so they will have time to sign the necessary documents.

"We did not initiate this second round," said Ackerman. "St. Anthony's Parish did."

The phone campaign results say 164 Catholics will attend the meeting on the 27th, and only 105 are needed for a quorum. Of the voters, 50 percent plus one voter are needed to expand the district.

"After this is complete the documents would be sent to Alberta Learning where they would be reviewed to make sure they are technically correct," said Ackerman. "The minister is then obligated to sign them, though he could delay it for awhile if he chose to."

Chinook's Edge teacher levels back to pre-strike levels

by Dan Singleton

The 11,000 student Chinook's Edge School Division - which includes Sundre, Olds, Didsbury and Carstairs - has met new Alberta Learning classroom size requirements, say officials.

Under the new class size guidelines, set out by the Learning Commission, additional money was made available for teachers. The guidelines are being phased in over three years, starting in the 2004-2005 school year.

As things now stand, the jurisdiction class average in Kindergarten to Grade 3 is 20.0 students; in Grades 4 to 6 it's 23.7; in Grades 7 to 9 it's 22.9; and in Grades 10 to 12 it's 20.9. At all levels, class sizes have been reduced from 2003-2004 levels.

The class size reductions have been achieved by the addition of 28.75 new full time teachers in Chinook's Edge. The division received \$1.5 million for the new staff.

"Chinook's Edge has met

those guidelines as a division. With the class size funding we have met all of the requirements set out to us by the province this year," said division spokesperson Laurette Woodward.

However, reducing classroom sizes has come with a corresponding increase in demand for classroom space in many schools across the region, said deputy superintendent Heather Henderson-Hill.

"That has certainly caused some difficulty and will continue to cause some difficulty," said Henderson-Hill.

By way of example, she cites the modernization and new construction at Sundre's River Valley School where "we are housing students in any space we can find. We can't create any more classes there because there is literally no room."

"Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs is a growing community and we would certainly love to see an announcement from Alberta Infrastructure at some point soon because we don't have any space there either."

Numerous schools in the division are experiencing similar space restrictions, she said.

She declined to estimate how much money is needed to create adequate classroom space in the division.

At the provincial level, additional hirings in September and October have brought teacher levels back to where they were three years ago, according to the Alberta Teachers Association, which represents educators across the province.

"I am very relieved to see that this recent round of hiring has returned staffing in Alberta schools to the levels that existed in 2001-2002," ATA president Frank Bruseker said last week.

"Schools are only now recovering from the loss of over 1,000 teachers at the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year that resulted from provincial government's failure to provide school boards with adequate funding."

Since the end of the last school year, 811 new full-time teaching positions have

been put in place across Alberta.

According to the ATA, at the same time 139 part-time positions were eliminated, bringing the total number of full- and part-time teachers in the province's schools to 33,157 as of the end of October.

While the ATA applauded the return to 2001 teacher levels, Bruseker said more needs to be done to improve learning and teaching conditions.

"Our schools are only getting back to where they were three years ago. Three years ago, teachers across the province walked out of their schools in an effort to focus the attention of the public and government on issues affecting the quality of learning and teaching and on class size in particular."

He called on the province, and the new Learning Minister Gene Zwozdesky in particular, to take "further concrete action" to improve education in the province.

Teachers across the province, including in Chinook's Edge, went out on strike in early 2002 to protest classroom sizes and other issues.

Hearing set for AAA Cattle Company this month

By Shaune Mohl

AAA Cattle Company, just east of Didsbury, will be given a chance to voice their opinions on an enforcement order which has halted their live cattle operation at an upcoming hearing later this month.

A Court of Appeal's decision handed down in early November quashed prior approval which was allowing the feedlot to expand to 18,200 head of cattle.

Following that decision the Natural Resource Conservation Board (NRCB) handed down an enforcement order asking AAA Cattle Company to start reducing their cattle by 1,000 head per week until they were down to their original 2,500 head.

Simon Cobban, co-owner of AAA Cattle Company applied for a hearing on that enforcement order and will be given the opportunity to do so on Tuesday, January 18 in Didsbury.

Besides AAA Cattle Company, Mountain View County as well as the Committee for Lone Pine have been given standing in front of the Board.

Cobban says that they currently are not clear which enforcement order they will be dealing with, because in the past two years they have received two separate enforcement orders - one in 2002 and the most recent in 2004.

"There is a big question right now, because the Court of Appeals has made it very clear that the old enforcement order of 2002 is the one that is valid and the one that we are dealing with right now of 2004 is not valid," Cobban said. "So, which enforcement order are we suppose to be complying with?"

The 2002 enforcement order ordered the feed lot to reduce their numbers down to 2,500. They later received approval of their application allowing them to expand to 18,200 head of cattle.

Currently AAA Cattle Company has received a 'Stay,' on the enforcement order, which is allowing them to operate at a current cattle number of just over 5,000 head.

Prior to receiving the 'Stay,' which allows AAA Cattle Company to maintain their cattle numbers for the time being, the enforcement order of 2004 was asking them to reduce their cattle numbers back down to 2,500 head of cattle as well as start deconstructing pens which had been built to accommodate the larger herds of cattle, as plans were to expand to 18,200 head of cattle.

The number of cattle which are currently in the AAA Cattle Company is one thing that is being disputed between the cattle company and the Committee for Lone Pine.

The Committee for Lone Pine, who established themselves to fight AAA Cattle Company, are accusing Cobban of having at least 7,400 on site.

Cobban believes that the Com-

mittee for Lone Pine's chairman, Murray Marsh, is going off numbers earlier reported in media reports.

"When the Court decision first came down on November 8, at that point in time we were sitting at 6,200 head of cattle. When I first started telling numbers out there it was my hope they would allow us to have the 8,500,"

Cobban explained. "It didn't transpire that way, we were just at the 6,200 or 6,300 and that basically halted that."

And, from the 6,300 head 1,000 head of cattle were shipped out because Cobban didn't receive a stay in time bringing his cattle numbers down to about 5,300 head of cattle.

Cobban says that right now cattle numbers really shouldn't be the main issue, but more the main issue should be the future expansion of his operation.

"Technically in a month we could have our permit back," Cobban said. "Realistically it does not matter how many cattle we have right now."

Cobban says that at the upcoming hearing he will be trying to fight more the 'technical issue,' which has led him down this road, than the actual enforcement order itself.

"The whole issue is a whole technical issue that was caused by the NRCB board and not by us, so why should we be paying the consequences?" Cobban said. "Therefore, why should we have an enforcement order since the whole issue has been handed

down to the approval officer for re-consideration?"

Cobban plans to re-apply to have his operation given the right to expand, yet again, since a technical error which involved a 'grandfathering clause,' has caused most of these problems.

The County and Marsh of the Committee for Lone Pine both plan to be present since they have been given standing.

"We are pleased we will be able to participate," Marsh said.

Marsh says that the bigger issue to him and his Committee is the fact that AAA Cattle Company will be, or already has, applied to expand, again.

"The assumption is that AAA has got an application in to do its expansion again. That is probably a bigger issue to us," Marsh said.

The County will have their planning officer speak at the upcoming hearing, although Reeve Al Kemmere and long-time Councillor Dave Derksen are both expected to be present.

"I wasn't on council and wasn't very much involved (when this issue first started)," Kemmere said. "We figured for continuity we would have the planning department speak. We, however, will be there observing."

Council, however, worked hard with the staff at the County to pass on the direction they would like them to

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Snowy problem



TAMARA COLLINS
EDITORIAL

I went to start my car the other morning when I noticed a pile of snow between it and the road, this pile continued down the street. It was not long before I discovered the source.

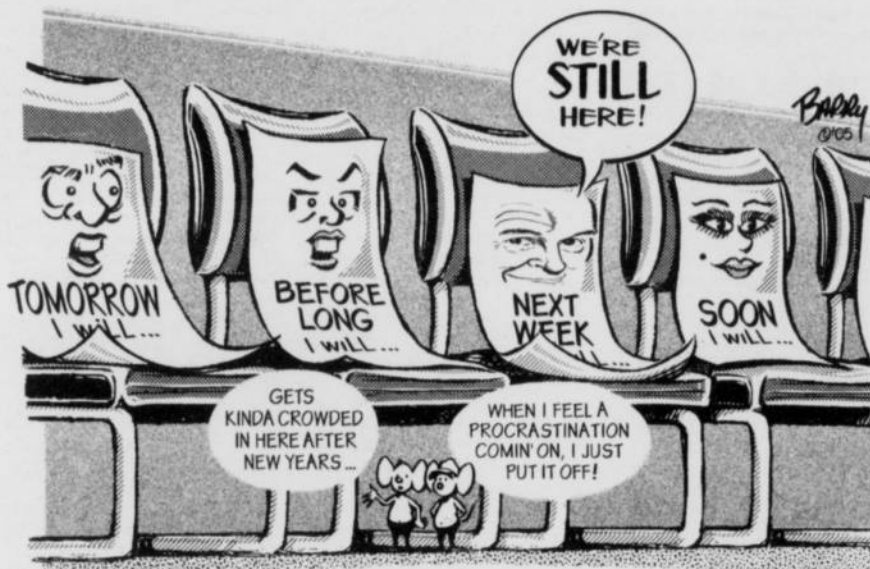
A snow plow was clearing the snow off the streets and piling it in front of everyone's cars. It took me at least 20 minutes to get over the snow pile, making it a grumpy start to the day.

Is the purpose of removing the snow not to help people, instead of making getting out of your parking spot a 20 minute task. I watched others have the same struggle and it does not make sense to me.

Simple solution, plow the snow creating a pile in the middle of the street, with enough room for people to get by on both sides.

Blocking people's cars is unfair and not very community spirited.

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Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

"Let's change our thinking"

Shortly before Christmas we heard on our television of someone breaking into a lodge and stealing a large T.V. that had recently been purchased; we also read where another person had stolen a van with Christmas gifts in it and the wheelchair of a young boy. Our minds went rampant, how could anyone do such a thing, what kind of person could stoop so low!!

As I pondered this I knew in my heart that someone hearing the broadcast would immediately respond to the need; and sure enough, the very next night they continued with the story by saying a T.V. had been purchased for the lodge by an anonymous donor, and many had called, offering to replace the wheelchair of the young child. The conclusion of these stories brought tears to my eyes.

So often we dwell on the negative, on those people and often teenagers, who offend, who make mistakes intentionally or otherwise, and we allow ourselves to be engulfed with these thoughts, and rarely change gears in our thinking and think on those things which are of value, those things which are honest and pure and lovely, which occur each day. Let us begin to think on these things. Grateful thanks go out to those who so readily respond to needs around us.

Statement from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta on the passing of Lois E. Hole

It is with profound sadness that the Office of Alberta's Lieutenant Governor announces that Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Lois E. Hole, CM, AOE, died from peritoneal (abdominal) cancer at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton on the evening of Thursday January 6, 2005.

Throughout her life, the beloved and respected Mrs. Hole focussed on the issues that were most important to her and to many Albertans. Chief among them were public education, public libraries, public health care, the fine arts and issues of social justice such as women's rights, racism, economic inequalities, and tolerance and respect for people of different ideologies. She gave support and legitimacy to the groups that needed it most, to the people who often went unheard in our culture and to the charitable groups that needed all of the help and publicity they could get. She hoped that her actions would inspire her fellow citizens to carry on with this work once she

was no longer able to do so herself.

At the request of Mrs. Hole and her family, a private funeral will be held. A public memorial service is being arranged and details will be announced as soon as possible.

The Lieutenant Governor's family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for the wonderful comfort and care they provided to Mrs. Hole over the past several weeks. The family also extends its gratitude to all Albertans for the unwavering love and support they so unselfishly gave to Mrs. Hole throughout her life.

A Book of Condolence will be opened at the Provincial Legislature Building in Edmonton and at McDougall Centre in Calgary, from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm, beginning Saturday January 8.

An online Book of Condolence will be opened on Saturday January 8 at www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca. Albertans who wish to send a message of support or condolence to the Hole family are invited to visit these lo-

cations or the website to send their personal messages.

Mr. Bill Hole and Mr. Jim Hole, sons of the late Lieutenant Governor, will be available to the media to talk about their mother at 1:30 pm, Friday January 7, in the rotunda of the Alberta Legislature.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Edmonton Community Foundation for the Lois Hole Care and Nurture Legacy Fund at: Edmonton Community Foundation, #710, 10117 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB, T5J 1W8 (Ph: 780-426-0015) www.ecf.ca or The Calgary Foundation, #700, 999 - 8 Street SW, Calgary, AB T2R 1J5 (Ph: 403-802-7700) www.thecalgaryfoundation.org. This fund has been created to honour the legacy of Lois Hole and to sustain and improve the institutions she believed in. It will serve charitable and public institutions and organizations that serve the arts, public libraries, public schools, the disadvantaged, and any group that serves the public good.



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Same-Sex Marriages

Dear Editor,

The following is a forwarded message I received on my email, and my response to it. This is also a reply to the politicians you quoted a week or two ago.

The Forwarded E-mail

Hi Everyone,

I just received this message. I am not given to sending messages of this type but I called the number and it's a legitimate number. It is a simple way to make our voices heard.

Melinda

At this moment that I am typing this message (2:30 p.m. B.C. time), the CTV is taking a "YES" or "NO" vote by telephone for Same-Sex Marriage. They have given two separate numbers for "Yes" and "No" votes. I urge you to take part in this voting RIGHT AWAY! All that you have to do is dial the number assigned for "No" vote: 416-870-4400. When you dial the number you will hear the response: "Your 'No' vote has been recorded. Try to spread this message without delay. Thanks.

My Reply

Dear Sharon and Nelson, Just because there is a color I don't like doesn't mean it isn't part of God's rainbow. If this is truly a vote, it means a choice: but I note that you sent only the phone number for YOUR choice.

This has been a very difficult road for me, from a position of homophobia to acceptance and understanding. Here is my story.

In 1948, at the age of 20, I hitchhiked from Ontario to Vancouver to find work. I was lucky, and landed a job in a logging camp; but the ship didn't leave till Monday, and I had only enough money left for the three intervening nights in the Sally Ann, and a bit of cheese and bread. The second night there, the chap who assigned the beds invited me to his apartment to listen to his excellent collection of classical records. He sat down beside me on the sofa; and before I knew what was happening, he was rubbing his cheek on mine. I happen to be

very strongly heterosexual, and felt nauseated, jumped up and left at once. Now in those days it was a subject never discussed, and I knew nothing of homosexuality; so I didn't realize where things might have gone if I had stayed around. Since I was brought up in a culture where men embraced freely (Portuguese West Africa), I was puzzled at my reaction, and phoned an old friend of my father's - a city minister - who told me the facts of life.

Well, now, you can see why I started out pretty "Anti-gay". I believed it was a choice people could make. Years later, however, in a university course on "Abnormal Psychology", my professor told us of experiments he was doing with a highly motivated group of homosexual men who wanted to be heterosexual, marry and raise families. I won't go into the graphic details of things he tried, both physical and psychological; but he said he did eventually have a bit of success with a couple of them - for about two weeks.

Eventually, realizing that the old standards of morality seemed to be slipping, with promiscuity and divorce on the rise, our Church asked all our congregations to do a study of HUMAN Sexuality, to establish what the people in the pews really believed. Unfortunately, many (most?) people are unwilling to engage in really honest self-evaluation; and the exercise was hijacked into a "study" (condemnation) of HOMO-sexuality by many people. A couple of homophobics in my congregation insisted that we get on with the study, but were not content with the material provided by our Church. I invited them to bring anything they could find, so that we might look at it from all angles. They brought an excellent and very convincing video, narrated by a man who had given his heart to the Lord, and turned for his homosexual partner, married and had a child or two. He insisted that anyone could change if he wanted to badly enough. Unfortunately, about a week after we

had seen this, we learned that the man in question had returned to his male partner.

My friends, B & L, had been married nearly 25 years and had 4 children when L started visiting my wife. She was quite distraught; but my wife would not tell me why - until one night she couldn't sleep, and shared with me that L was strongly lesbian, and was going to leave B. Shortly after that, L came to our house, and could see immediately that I was very angry. She told me to sit down. Then she asked me to imagine that for the next 25 years I was to let another man do with my body what he chose when ever he chose. Remember the Vancouver nausea? It returned powerfully, and I must have turned very white. She just quietly said: "It's been like that for me for 25 years". I said that she had no right to have married B and led him on for all that time. She told me that at about 5 years of age she had begun to think she was different from the other girls; and by high school she was disturbed enough to go to a psychiatrist, because she felt no

desire to date boys like her friends did - but had strong feeling for other girls. Like me at the same age, she knew nothing of homosexuality. The doctor told

her that she had just never had the pleasure of a man and told her to "go and get laid"; and everything would be fine.

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6. <i>Christine McKenna</i>	<i>CHRISTINE MCKENNA</i>

Signature of Petitioners Printed Names of Petitioners

Note: Definition of Separate School Elector
School Act

212 In this Division
(b) "separate school elector" means an individual who,
(i) in the case where a separate school district is not established,
(A) is an elector of the public school district, and
(B) is either of the Protestant or Roman Catholic faith, whichever is the minority in the public school district.

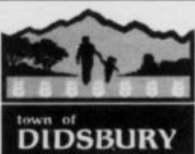
Directions for the Notice of the Meeting

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216 (1) The notice calling a meeting shall be in the form prescribed by the Minister.
(2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) shall be
(a) posted in 5 or more conspicuous places in the proposed separate school district for a period of at least 14 days immediately prior to the date set out in the notice for the public meeting;
(b) published in a newspaper circulating within the proposed separate school district once a week for at least 2 of the 3 weeks immediately prior to the week containing the date set out in the notice for the public meeting; and
(c) served on the board of the public school district or division within the boundaries of which the proposed separate school district would be established at least 10 days prior to the date set out in the notice for the public meeting.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES

TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, January 25, 2005 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, January 19, 2005 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

TOWN OF DIDSBURY

Council Highlights - January 4, 2005

Unedited and Unapproved

The Town of Didsbury and the Condo Association across from the Town's Shop Yard have met and come to an agreement on the installation of 14 trees. The Town will supply 14 poplar trees and the Condo Association will plant them.

Centennial Committee Chairperson, Deborah Whitmore resigned her position with this committee. In an ongoing effort to maintain Centennial events, a Centennial Working Group will be created to administer the Centennial Celebrations.

Jason Edwards will be participating in a World Cup for 12 to 13 years olds in hockey in the Czech Republic and Germany in March. The Town of Didsbury has provided Jason with 30 Town of Didsbury Pins to hand out. Mayor, Council and Staff wish Jason good luck in the competition.

Director of Corporate Services, Brenda Hemming was successful in her application for designation as a Certified Local Government Manager. *Congratulations Brenda.*

Council was presented with a letter to the Mayor from Shirley Sommerville, Welcome Wagon Hostess, expressing her appreciation for the Town of Didsbury staff, specifically mentioning Marilyn Laurin.

Municipal Planning Commission Member at Large, Shelley Craig has resigned her position with the board. A candidate is now being sought.

Alberta Transportation has responded to the Town with regards to low light levels at Hwy. 582 and 20th Avenue. Council asked that Alberta Transportation to also consider low lighting levels at 15th Avenue and Hwy. 2A.

In spite of the Town of Didsbury's written objections to the proposed increase in Safety Codes Fees, the Provincial Government

has increased the fees. The Town of Didsbury will now have to collect these increased fees, effective April 1, 2005.

The Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission has increased their water rate to .70 per cubic meter effective April 1, 2005.

Operational Services was granted approval to purchase a used gravel truck for \$12,000.

Council denied funding to Accredited Supports for a new bus as there is no longer Transportation Grant monies provided to the Town by the Province.

Council adopted an interim budget for 2005 until the 2005 operating and capital budgets are ready to present.

Council approved the naming of Kildeer Close for the Cul-de-sac in Phase I of Deer Coulee Ranch Subdivision and 12th Street for the entrance to Deer Coulee Ranch subdivision.

Clark leads Ward 10 election scandal investigation

By Shawne Mohl

Bob Clark, former MLA for the area and a Carstairs resident, has been given the role as the lead investigator to come up with the answers to an election scandal, which has forced residents in Northeast Calgary to currently have no council member representing them in the City of Calgary's Ward 10.

Clark who has quite a bit of Provincial experience under his belt was asked by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to lead the investigation.

"I have been asked by the Minister of Municipal Affairs to inspect the events which took place in (the) Ward 10 (election back in October)," Clark said.

There are allegations which involve Margot Aftergood who won the seat over incumbent alderman Diane Danielson by 138 votes.

Shortly after the October 18 civic election, it was learned that Aftergood's team had requested 1,266 mail-in ballots during the campaign.

The ballots were sent to a post office box rented by her husband.

Since that time Aftergood has stepped down from her seat on city council.

Danielson announced a few weeks ago she intends to seek reelection in the upcoming By-election slated for February 28.

Clark says he will be working towards answering five separate things. They include:

- Find out what exactly happened?
- How come it happened?
- What role was played by the people of the City of Calgary?
- What changes should happen, so it doesn't happen again?
- How can they improve the system so new Canadians are given a better opportunity to fully understand the election system.

Clark has been given a budget of \$500,000 which he will be required to try to come up with conclusions to those questions and submit a report by June, which is expected to be made public knowledge.

"The Minister has promised to release the report. I expect there will be hearings in March and April after the By-election is finished with." Clark, who is semi-retired, currently still does contract work, such as this.

Clark was the former Ethics Commissioner for the Province for 11 years, Privacy Commissioner for six years, and sat as the area's MLA for 21 years.

"I have a variety of experience," he said. Besides working on this investigation Clark works with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) where he does some contract work.

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Neighborhood

MCC responds to Asia earthquake



photo by Paul Jeffrey/ACT International

Moratuwa, south of Colombo on the island nation of Sri Lanka.

by Tamara Collins

People around the world are coming together with a common goal, to help the victims of the Asia earthquake which took the lives of over 150,000 people on Boxing Day, including five Canadians.

Among the different groups and organizations helping out, the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Alberta has raised over \$350,000 to go towards food, medicine, clothing and clean water for the victims of the tsunamis which resulted from an earthquake off the coast of northern Sumatra in the Indian Ocean.

Aside from killing hundreds of thousands of people, the tsunamis injured hundreds of thousands more

and left more than five million people homeless.

In just over a week MCC moved from donating \$90,000 to making available several million dollars in funds for intermediate and long-term assistance to the region.

The exact amount has yet to be determined, but MCC says expenditures will include more than \$2.5 million in cash and almost \$1 million in material aid.

This response includes the purchase of 2,000 metric tons of grain for distribution affected areas of India. This amount may increase. The dollar value of this purchase is \$800,000 which will be matched through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

The response also included some \$12,000 for

medical and water purification equipment and supplies to be airlifted through Church World Service, and six containers of canned meat worth \$360,000.

MCC funds have already gone to renting cargo transport and storage warehouses in Jakarta and Medan, distributing material resources in the disaster area, transporting 25 Indonesian medical doctors and 200 medical workers serving as volunteers, purchasing medicines for doctors to use in field hospitals, assisting in the evacuation of injured people and purchasing clean water equipment.

In India, MCC has contributed \$26,200 for rice, blankets and other items for 1,400 families, approximately 6,000 people, in five villages

along the coast of the state of Tamil Nadu in south India. Another \$30,000 will go to Church's Auxiliary for Social Action.

An MCC assessment team arrived in Sri Lanka this week, and MCC worker Mark Oxley accompanied a medical team to Sri Lanka's coast.

"We purchase all the supplies locally there," said Didsbury's Ken From of MCC. "We want to make the money go as far as we can."

All the grain mentioned comes from local growing projects. All the money raised will be matched by the government.

"We would like to start collecting health kits through local groups and individuals," said From. "That is something to come in the future."

From estimates MCC will be helping Asia for at least three years.

"We want to give a huge thank you for everyone who has responded to this," said From.

"This has touched so many people's lives, there are a lot of great stories about the compassion and generosity of people."

From mentioned one couple who cancelled their trip to Asia and donated the \$7000 from their plane tickets for relief.

Donations can be made by calling 1-888-622-6337 or by logging onto www.mcc.org/asiaearthquake.

Donations can also be dropped off at the Didsbury Review/ Contemporary Graphics Ltd., cheques must be made out to MCC Alberta.



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NEIGHBORHOOD



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Last year, Christmas 2003, I put off buying a poinsettia until all the shops were down to the dregs and mine was a pretty bedraggled specimen.

The florist padded out the blooms with a couple of big shiny red bows and if you didn't look too closely the general appearance was festive and colorful. This year, Christmas 2004, I bought a nice big red poinsettia as soon as they appeared in the Co-Op and within a few days I had been given another lovely big red one and a small pink one as well.

About thirty years ago my mom gave me a garden variety amaryllis that blooms three or four times a year. For Christmas Day it obligingly produced two stalks, each bearing four nice salmon pink flowers, and on Christmas Eve my daughter brought three hyacinths in separate earthen pots and they are now all in bud. My husband bought me roses for Christmas and a mixed bouquet for my birthday on December 30 so the house has been filled with flowers and I count myself very lucky. I am not a good winter person and by the New year I am desperate for something green and growing. Flowers remind me that despite the snow and ice in my garden, somewhere life continues and summer will come again.

I wish there were some heavenly administration in charge of leftover amaryllis, hyacinth, Christmas cactus and bedding plants. On Christmas Eve this flower angel could throw a handful of magic dust into the air and all the plants that nobody bought would magically relocate into hospital rooms, seniors complexes, and any home that would be happier for a bit of beauty. It's such a waste when amaryllis have blossomed, faded and drooped, unappreciated on grocery store shelves, and hyacinths in full bloom and all their perfumed splendor, lie wilted in their dry little pots.

On about June 20 the same angel could throw more magic dust into all the greenhouses and millions of unwanted, dry and overgrown bedding plants would drop into waste places, inner city playgrounds, neglected boulevards and backyard gardens. I think Lois Hole should be the angel in charge of this, she would do it with so much love and grace. God probably has something more important planned for her. We are so lucky to have had her with us as long as we did.

One of my birthday cards contained a couple of packages of flower seeds. They are the kind that should be planted indoors eight weeks before they are set out. This would mean that I should start them in early April and I hope I can restrain myself until that time. I saved a lot of Gazania seeds that I would like to try and I suppose they could be planted in early April as well. I have two variegated leaf geraniums and I have been itching to snip slips from them but my space is limited and if I have a dozen geraniums going where will I put my flats of flowers? And then there are the tomatoes. Two years ago I started the tomatoes in mid February and they grew so quickly that I had to repot them four times. By the time I put them in the greenhouse they were three feet tall, gangly and inclined to flop. I planted them deep and they did pretty well but I don't want to do that again. I tell my husband that what we really need is to start the greenhouse a whole lot earlier but he can't justify spending \$100.00 on propane to grow \$50.00 worth of tomatoes.

I know that part of the reason that I am concentrating on plants and seeds and flowers is in an effort to block out the horror of the tsunami. None of us can even begin to fathom the sorrow and grief and devastation that it brought. We can donate and sympathize and pray but nothing can even marginally ease the suffering of families torn by this unimaginable disaster.

Once again we are reminded that this is the best place in the world to live. Give Thanks.

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by Noreen Olson

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Seniors Bonspiel is on all this week

by Marge St. Clair

Happy New Year to all our readers.

Wed. Jan. 12

There will be a pot luck dinner at the 5-0 Club at 12:30 p.m. Put your favorite casserole together, or a salad or veggies or dessert and enjoy.

The Seniors Bonspiel is on all this week at the Didsbury Curling Rink with an entry of 40 teams. Come and watch the curling.

Thurs. Jan. 13

The Didsbury Elks Club is having a Buddy/Information night at the Elks Hall at 7:00 p.m. If you are an Elks member and bring a member-to-be you will enjoy a free meal, but if you come alone, you buy your own. Phone Don Neal at 335-4676 for all the info.

Thurs. Jan. 13

All seniors are welcome to come to Eldon Foote Hall from 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This is the Birthday celebration, so you will enjoy the cake and music & games.

Fri. Jan. 14

Cribbage play will start at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Come and enjoy the cards, the goodies served, meet new people & visit.

Fri. Jan. 14 - Jan. 16

The Provincial Regional Star

Skate Figure Skating Competition will be held at the Didsbury Arena, with skaters coming from Camrose, Red Deer, Sundre, Rocky Mountain House and there will be 16 girls competing from Didsbury a total of 250 skaters aged from 4 yrs. to 18 yrs. Winners will go on to the Provincial Star Skate in Whitecourt in March. Joyce McCoy at 335-9861 has more details as to times etc.

Mon. Jan. 17

"Computing for the Petrified" from today to Mar. 7 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon on Mondays, courses will be given by a trained instructor at the Didsbury Library to teach the basics of using a computer. Phone the Library at 335-3142, pre-registration is required.

Wed. Jan. 19

The Community Bus will be leaving the complex at 10:00 a.m. on a Cash Casino trip to Calgary. Phone Bea at 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449 to reserve your seat.

Fri. Jan. 21

There will be a card party at Midway School, play starts at 7:30 p.m. Lunch is served, you are most welcome to take part, crib, whist or bridge are played. More info from Eva Page at 335-4566.

Just a reminder of the winter hours at the Didsbury Coin Laundry.

Monday - closed

Tues. - Fri. - 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
If in doubt, phone Patty at 335-4424.

Notice a few extra pounds after Xmas & New Years? Now is the time to register for fitness classes taught by Pauline Wigg at the MP Room at the Complex. Phone 335-7369 for all the details.

Sat. Jan. 22

The Mountain View Colts will be at home to the Rimbey Rock at 8:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. Your support will be duly appreciated.

Tues. Jan. 25

Dr. Nugent will be at the 5-0 Centre from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

The Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip is to Stage West on Wed. Mar. 4. Money MUST be in by Fri. Feb. 4th. To reserve your seat phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

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- * Life after smoking

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Faces



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by Tamara Collins

Review's past editor becomes the Minister of Municipal Affairs' right hand man



Richard Westlund

Richard Westlund, originally from Didsbury, and who early in his career was the editor of the Didsbury Review recently took the job of Executive assistant to Rob Renner, Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Westlund's job makes him the link between Renner, also the MLA of Medicine Hat, and his department.

"I am also the link between Rob and the municipalities," said Westlund. "He has to deal with hundreds of items at one time, and it is just too much work for one person."

Westlund was hired for his position following the Nov.

22nd provincial election.

"He was one of six new cabinet ministers appointed," said Westlund. "He had to hire new staff."

The first project Westlund and Renner undertook was a provincial tour.

"It was the first week of the job," said Westlund. "We went all over Alberta, as close to Didsbury as Red Deer and Airdrie."

The purpose of the tour was to try and find out the needs of the different communities.

"We wanted to learn what their take is, we want to get a feel for what ministry means to them," said

Westlund. "We wanted to learn their needs and issues."

Westlund believes this tour also helped him learn his new role and get an understanding of the ministry and the department.

Other things Westlund has been working on are business plans for a couple of pieces of legislation, and he will be attending an Emergency Management conference at the end of the month.

"Something new for me is the travel involved with this position," said Westlund. "When I worked at the Review I would have to travel around during the day, but

this is a different kind, it involves overnight travel."

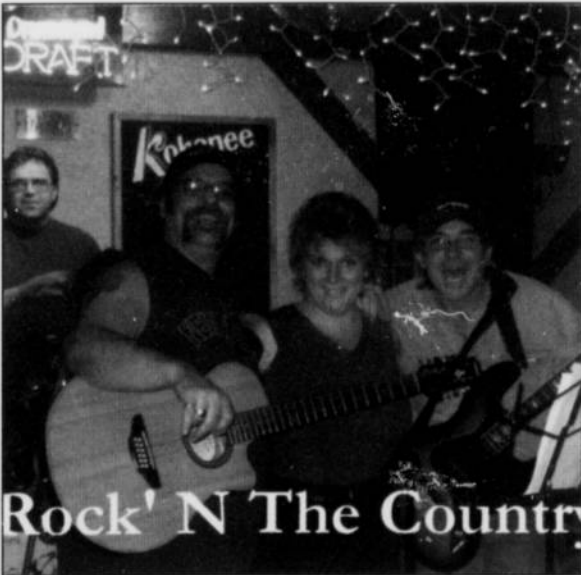
Westlund enjoys working for Renner, and says he is a great man.

"He is straight forward and is generally interested in making things better for municipalities," said Westlund. "He is very hard working."

Westlund thanks Richard Marz, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA, for helping him get his original position of Research officer in Edmonton.

"I got my first job here because of Richard Marz," said Westlund. "My family is very thankful for the support Richard has given us."

Rock 'N the Country



From left: Dale McRae, Russ Robertson, Deb Whitmore and Doug Pyska

If you notice the Rose a rock'n in the afternoon, or the Inn in the evening, chances are you are hearing the sound of Didsbury's newest band playing.

Rock'n the Country got together just over two months ago, and already their name is known across town.

Deb Whitmore sings, Russ Robertson plays the guitar, Doug Pyska is the base player and does keyboards, and Dale McRae, the newest member plays the drums.

"We have played every bar in town," said Robertson. "JDs, the Rose and the Inn." The band occasionally does an afternoon jam at the Rose, and otherwise plays in the evenings.

"We are going to start advertising outside Didsbury," said Whitmore. This country rock/classic rock band started off when Robertson and Pyska met at the Tabby Cat Cafe.

"We started playing together just for fun," said Pyska. "Then Deb joined in, the more people

who heard us loved us."

The band approached Jack Sheridan from the Inn, wanting to play there. At first Sheridan was unsure, but he gave in.

"We filled the house that night," said Robertson. "We had rave reviews, that is when we realized this was worth pursuing."

Already the band agreed they have surpassed their highest hopes.

"In two months we have gone further than I ever thought we would," said Pyska. "The sky is the limit."

Whitmore's brother owns Alliance Entertainment Services and has agreed to put the band on his list of performers.

"The energy was strong with us right from the get go," said Whitmore. The band recalls one practice that grew so large with people watching they did not have room for everyone.

"After that we thought we should try a bigger venue," said Robertson.

Something unique about

Rock 'N the Country is they have an open invitation for people to join in with them and sing or play an instrument of their choice.

"That is how we met Dale," said Whitmore. "He came up and started performing with us. We are taking karaoke to the next level."

At first the band admits they were nervous about playing the Inn, but everyone was having such a great time right from the beginning they did not want to stop. "Everyone can feel our energy," said Pyska. "We make mistakes and that is OK."

For more information on the band or to book a show you can call Dawn at 335-1927.

"Dawn is our CEO," said Whitmore. "We would be lost without her." The band has 70 years collected experience, and can play over 50 songs together.

"We love for people to come and watch us," said Pyska. "They are always welcome to join, that is what music is all about."



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B Event winners: Garrett Funkhouser, Al Graham, Elaine Graham and Simone Reese.



C Event winners: Larry Richardson, Terry Phillips, Steve Richardson, and missing: Carrie Richardson.



Harry Reese proudly presents his son Greg Reese with a cheque for \$250 for winning the Draw to the Button.



D Event winners: Gord Wigley, Joanne Tennant, Jim Craven, and missing: Brian McTaggart.



Letter

Continued from page 5

She had very strong Christian convictions on that subject (as many of us in my generation had), feeling that it was something that belonged only in marriage. So when B proposed to her, she accepted. She liked him as a person, though she was certainly not in love; but she believed that everything would be fine. She said the experience was like being raped. For 25 years, she would grit her teeth, and pretend she was somewhere else till the ordeal was over. She simply couldn't do it any longer.

Eventually CBC aired a two part series on what science had to say. The evidence seems to be that some time in the first two or three months of pregnancy, if the fetus is male and the mother has too much estrogen in her system, the boy will be homosexual (Pardon me if I don't use the term "gay"; that has a much different meaning for my generation.). If the fetus is female, and the mother has too much testosterone, the girl will be lesbian.

I have subsequently come to know others of this orientation, and worked closely with one for some years. I believe that this is not a choice at all - except for a few at the centre of the spectrum who are "bisexual", and can choose to go one way or the other. I have known same-sex couples who have had very long and faithful relationships, raised several children (all the ones I knew were heterosexual). On the other hand, I have been shocked at the number of heterosexual couples who had made vows to each other before God and their communities; but who seemed to be incapable of fidelity to each other. I don't see the need to use the word "Marriage" for same-sex relationships, as it does have a dictionary definition that is heterosexual. But some of them certainly are a lot closer to my definition of Christian Marriage that promiscuous couples of any orientation.

Finally, I have read my Bible several times (cover to cover), and find not a single word in the teachings of Jesus on the subject; but I find very strong condemnation of adultery and divorce - which I have rarely heard condemned by the homophobic community! In fact, many of the "anti-gays" are divorced themselves. Interesting that they should be so vocal about a minority that Jesus does not condemn, but be quite prepared to ignore his condemnation of THEIR sin. Yes, there are certainly passages in the Old Testament and in Paul that do specifically condemn it; but there are also passages there that would prevent handicapped people from entering the Temple, that allow men to sell their daughters and lots

of other regulations that were acceptable to the societies of the day - and are not today. The Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) are a record of the search for God by our spiritual ancestor; they are helpful in my search for truth. But my Saviour is Jesus Christ; and it is in HIS word that my faith is based. That sometimes has meant giving up some of my most cherished convictions, when God has shown me where they were based in my own prejudices and social heritage. It hasn't been easy to see through new eyes; but my goal is not to find support for what I already believe, so much as to search for truth, and learn to believe in that.

We are not at the end of our spiritual journey until we are called home. We will make a lot of wrong decisions and interpretations as we run the race with Paul towards the Goal. And in the end, we trust in God's forgiveness for our errors.

May God bless you in your continuing Spiritual Journey.

Sincerely,
David (Rev. David Gilchrist)

CHAMBER CHAT

Working Together!

What a great 2004 the Chamber of Commerce had! And now we get to look forward to celebrating not only Alberta's Centennial, but Didsbury's 100th birthday!

In 2004 Chamber members enjoyed some exceptional speakers (Bob Clark about the joint municipal plans, Sergeant Tonn covered the drug scene and business vandalism, Robert Wigg talked about residential and commercial developments in town, Kim Betchel shared information on PIPA, Greg Fox gave developments on highway signage).

We hosted the best organized political forums in the County. We set policies on donations, speaker guidelines, forum guidelines, Showcase on Business guidelines, and have put forth updated bylaws. Our insurance policy is now current, our

bank accounts reorganized, and we have established a pro-rating for new memberships.

The 2004 Trade Show was the most successful yet, and along with our hugely successful Small Business Week Gala, introduced a Small Business of the Year Award. The Chamber's website is continually updated and maintains the latest information about the Chamber as well as offering homepage hosting to members.

We met with the Town of Didsbury regarding many issues including the Business License Bylaw, downtown parking, Land Use Bylaw, and Chamber Office locale. The Alberta Minister of Transportation met with our representatives regarding the highway tourism signage initiative. We entered a float in the Didsbury Parade, and have a good working relationship with the Olds Chamber of Commerce and the Prairies to

Peaks Tourism Association. More importantly, we have been working diligently on building a good working relationship with the Town of Didsbury.

Country Christmas was a glorious success with the business district of our community adorned in decorations of the season. It has indeed been a busy year for the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is always open to new initiatives. We know there are retailers with some great ideas - join the Chamber and let us help you bring them to fruition. Working together we can accomplish so much!

For more information on the Chamber, give us a call at 335-3265, send us an e-mail at info@didsburychamber.ca or check us out on the web at www.didsburychamber.ca.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Un-wanted kitten rescued by loving family

By Shawne Mohl

'Annie' the kitten has used up most of her nine lives, but thankfully she landed herself a good home, after being tossed from a moving vehicle and just narrowly escaping death.

While Verna Wimmer of Didsbury was on her way to Carstairs, for a Christmas social on December 23, her friends and she spotted something moving in the ditch at about 6:30 p.m.

At first they didn't really think anything of it, thinking it was probably just a skunk or something. But, as they traveled a little further they saw something else move in the ditch.

Wimmer having a large heart, and a love for animals told her friends that they had to turn around to check out what these

little creatures were.

'I got out of the vehicle and there was this little kitten that wasn't even six weeks old,' Wimmer said. 'Her eye was bleeding, both of her legs were skinned up, and she had a broken femur.'

Wimmer's friend whom she was with walked up the road a little bit and found another baby kitten, which had already been struck by a vehicle and wasn't able to be saved.

Lucky for, 'Annie,' that this truck load of kind-hearted people drove along, because if they were any later - Wimmer is sure that 'Annie,' also would have been struck by passing vehicles.

'If we were five minutes later, she would have been dead because there was another vehicle behind us,' Wimmer said.

Not knowing what to do, and running late for her

party that she was due to arrive at, Wimmer crossed her fingers as she went to knock on the door of local Carstairs veterinarian, Dr. Tom Picherach.

Despite it being nearly 7 p.m. on December 23, the day before the Christmas holiday was due to start being celebrated, Picherach answered his door and took the un-wanted kitten in and nursed it back to health.

The next day, Wimmer called Picherach who reported the kitten's health had stabilized and that she was going to be okay.

Wimmer who knew the kitten really had no where else to go, decided to bring it home for a few days until it was feeling better. But, instead it can now rest comfortably and call her new found family, her own.

'I was just going to keep her until she got better, but she is so small and she is such a little runt that I

think she would get picked on. We decided to keep her, and we named her Annie.'

By the types of fractures which 'Annie' had, Picherach is convinced that someone with no compassion took a group of kittens and threw them out of the window while driving down the back road, leaving them to die.

'It's kind of sad that someone would have no compassion and would do something like this, especially on December 23,' Picherach said, adding that he is sure there had to be more than just the two kittens which were found.

'No one is going to just get rid of two kittens, there was more, I am sure.'

Picherach credits Wimmer for taking in the kitten, noting that she already has a dog and cat of her own.

'The kitten was starving and was very hurt,' he said.

'It's just nice to see that someone would have a big enough heart to do something like this.'

Both Picherach and Wimmer want to get the message out to whoever might have done this that they should really take a reality look at their lives, and to not be so cruel.

'We got one (of the kittens). We saved one. But, there must have been at least six. I don't know if her mother got run over or what. I just want the person that did this to know that this was just so in-humane and wrong what they did.'

Picherach says that this is just one more reason that the Town of Carstairs - and Mountain View County - need to establish some sort of animal shelter.

If Picherach wouldn't have been home that evening to help save 'Annie,' this baby kitten most likely would have passed away, he said.



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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Reminder of our own blessings

Dear family and friends,

Sannu da sabon shekara. Happy New Year.

As 2004 drew to a close and we watched the news about the tragedy of the tsunami in the Indian Ocean, continued fighting and deaths in the Middle East, and the fire in the night-club in Brazil, we were reminded of our own blessing and to pray for the many around the world who are suffering.

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We have been working hard trying to get the library ready for the new semester. With the help of several students, Dan and other staff we are making good progress. There is still a lot to do so we will continue to work up to school starting back on the 12th. Not much of a break but it has been productive.

New Year's eve we got together with the Baptist Mission at the Stonecyphers' house. Several of the missionaries, joking, said they would take bets on how long the Stonecyphers would stay up.

Normally, the Stonecyphers are in bed and asleep by 9:30. Would they be able to stay up until midnight to see the New Year in? Becky made soup and chili and the rest of us brought things to go with it. As usual there was plenty of good food. We didn't eat much because we had another dinner engagement for that night. At 8:00 we went to the Chinese restaurant to meet Thales and another couple for a great Chinese meal. Thales' wife

will return near the end of January. He will be glad to have her back. This is the first New Year's they have been apart in 35 years of marriage so he was feeling pretty lonely without her. We not only had a good meal but we also had a great time of fellowship and visiting. Among the five of us we have spent a total of over 110 years in West Africa, most of those in Nigeria. A lot of history and a lot of stories.

Thales' wife was calling at about midnight her time (from Greece) so he headed home and we went back to the Stonecyphers'. The men were watching a football game and the women were playing dominoes. The kids were playing, watching TV and struggling to stay awake. At midnight we had to pry the men away from the football game to light the few firecrackers we had. After a short devotion and prayer (or we would all fall asleep) we headed home. And yes, the Stonecyphers stayed up until midnight. In fact, everyone made it, though we had some very tired children (and adults) who were quite ready to go home to bed.

We told you about Brian, the missionary who hurt his shoulder and got a concussion running into the clothes line just before Christmas. Though he is feeling some better, his shoulder is not staying in place. His wife, Beth, who is a nurse, has figured out a way to tie it in place so the pain is not unbearable. He needs an MRI done to find out what kind of damage there is and what needs to be done but he can't get that here. After several days of emails going back and

forth between the US, Nigeria, and South Africa, they were able to get him a flight to South Africa this coming Wednesday. Since he can't carry anything or even cut up his food, his oldest daughter will be going with him to help take care of him. They have a doctor's appointment set up for the day after he arrives. (His wife will stay here with the three younger children.) Please pray for traveling mercies, wisdom for the doctors as they do the tests and make evaluations and recommendations, and quick healing whatever the diagnosis. Brian and Beth do not want to take their family back to the States at this point. They just came in August and don't want to move their children again. Also, since they are short-term missionaries, going back to the States before there time is up is con-

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Before our baby was born last month, our 3-year-old daughter, April, was thrilled about having a new brother or sister. Now, however, she shows signs of jealousy, sucking her thumb sullenly when I nurse the baby and getting very loud and silly when friends drop by. Please suggest some ways I can ease her through this period of adjustment.

DR. DOBSON: Your daughter is revealing a "text-book" reaction to the invasion that has occurred in her private kingdom. It is typical for a preschooler to throw temper tantrums, wet the bed, suck her thumb, mess her pants, hold tightly to Mama, talk "baby talk," etc. Since the baby gets all the attention by being helpless, the older child will often try to "out-baby the baby," behaving in immature ways from an earlier stage of development. That pattern seems to be occurring with your little girl. Here's what I would suggest:

1. Bring her feelings out in the open and help her verbalize them. When she is acting silly in front of adults, take her in your arms and say, "What's the matter, April? Do you need some attention today?" Gradually, a child can be taught to use similar words when she feels excluded or rejected. "I need some attention, Dad. Will you play with me?" By verbalizing her feelings, you also help her understand herself better.

2. Don't let infantile behavior succeed. If she cries when the baby sitter arrives, leave her anyway. A temper tantrum can be greeted by firmness. However, reveal little anger and displeasure, remembering that the entire episode is motivated by a threat to your love.

3. Meet her needs in ways that grant status to her for being older. Take her to the park, making it clear that the baby is too little to go; talk "up" to her about the things she can do that the baby can't -- she can use the bathroom instead of her pants, for example. Let her help take care of the baby so she will feel that she is part of the family process.

Beyond these corrective steps, give your daughter some time to adjust to her new situation. Even though it stresses her today, she should profit from the realization that she does not sit at the center of the universe.

QUESTION: In recent months, there have been two occasions where a woman at work has made a pass at me. I love my wife deeply, have no interest in this lady, and have communicated this to her in no uncertain terms. Do you think I should share these incidents with my wife?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, I do. First, because I believe the healthiest marriages are those that are open and honest on such matters. Second, because sharing important information is a step toward accountability in a situation that could prove dangerous. And third, because your wife should be your best friend with whom you discuss troubling circumstances and how they will be handled.

My only caution is that you should be careful not to reveal these incidents in order to make your wife jealous or to use them to manipulate her. Some spouses seize an opportunity like this to play power games with a mate. Check out your motives carefully before you talk to your wife and share the experience as objectively as possible. She will appreciate you for it.

Finally, I urge you to continue to reject the advances of the lady in your office, regardless of how attractive she is or how flattering her interest in you may be. To pursue her may give your ego a ride now, but only pain and sorrow lie down that road -- for her and for you.

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Was eight, maybe nine, ten years old,

But it's special, how, watching those kids play,

We learn how Big Brothers unfold.

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Sports

Colts fight hard battle

The Three Hills Thrashers celebrate the eventual game winner late in the third period Saturday night. Chris Bolin converted on a nice pass into the slot to ice the Colts, 4-3.

photos by Matt Karlowsky

Midget AAA International Invitational Hockey tournament

The Airdrie Rocky Mountain Lightning started slowly but ended in strong fashion at the Kelowna Midget AAA International Invitational Hockey tournament on the weekend.

The Lightning played three listless games to start the tournament, with losses to the Burlington Eagles 5-3, the Cariboo Canucks 4-2 and the Colorado Littleton Hawks 3-1 but rebounded sharply after the slow beginning. The team knocked off the previously unbeaten North West (Vancouver) Giants 3-2, then ended the tournament in fine form by bouncing the Abbotsford Hawks 6-4.

It was versatile veteran Tyler Rasmussen who provided the spark for the first win by the Lightning. Rasmussen, usually a solid rearguard for the local team, is sometimes called upon to bring his quick speed to the forward slot and it was as a fleet winger that the Lightning skater scored the winning goal against the Giants. With time running out and the score knotted at 2-2, captain Mike Bannister floated a high "alley-oop" pass from his own end that went 20 feet high, well over the heads of the Giants defencemen and right on the stick of Rasmussen who was moving at top speed through the neutral zone.

Rasmussen went in on the North West netminder at full speed, made a great deke on the goalie and deposited the puck into the net for a picture-perfect goal that gave the win to the Lightning and gave a big boost to their confidence level. The locals wrapped up the tournament by knocking off the Hawks

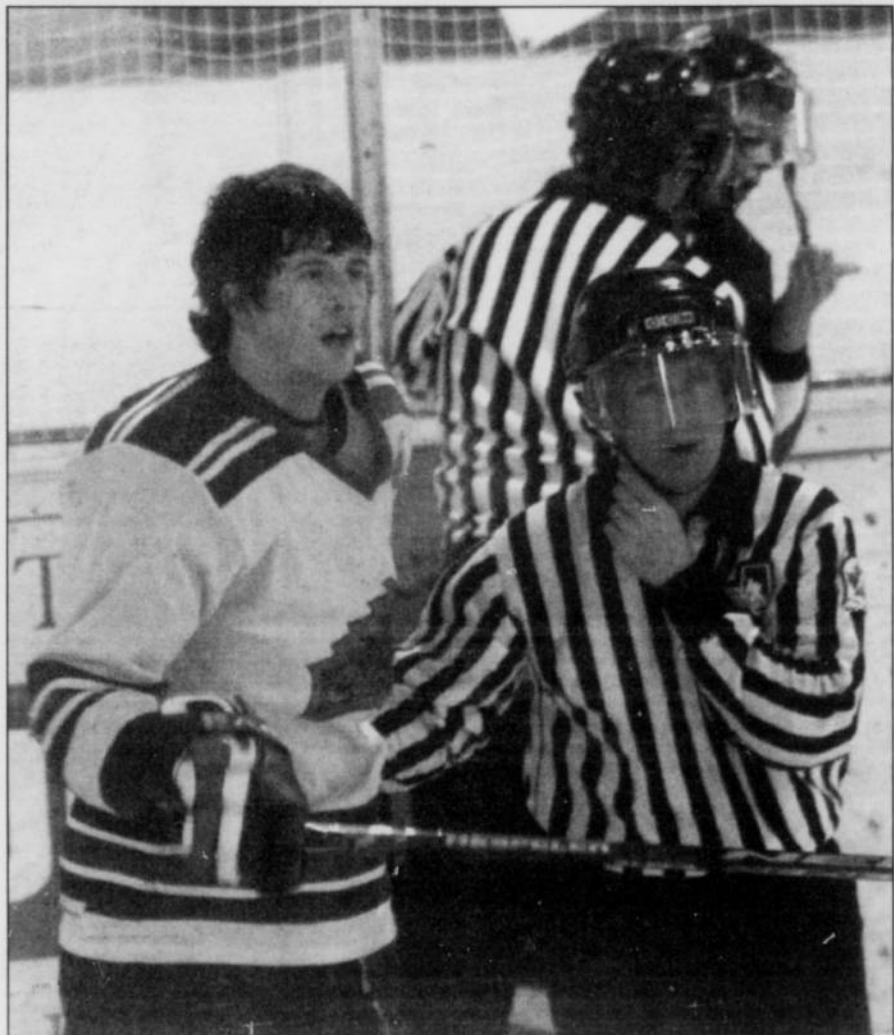
the next day and returned home on a winning note.

Scoring for the Lightning was spread among several players. Bannister was second in the overall tournament scoring race with three goals and nine points and snipe Rowat picked up four goals and five points. Jesse Bruce had two goals. Rasmussen added a pair of assists to go with his winning goal and defencemen Curtis Doll and Dustin Schlichter also had a goal and two assists. Yuzo Wakatsuki had three assists and single goals. Justin Frederic, John Lefebvre and Harrison Tribble. Veteran Shane Van Biezen and rearguard Braiden Burke assisted as did Justin Zellweger who was called up for the tournament.

Playing solid defensive roles for the team were Danny Miller and Colby Kramer while Ryan Miller had his usual heavy-hitting game while battling a nagging back injury. Adam Yurkowski repeated his role as one of the top forecheckers on the team. Netminders Aaron Dell and Sheehan manned the pipes for the Lightning and provided strong support, particularly in the last two games of the tournament.

The L.A. Selects defeated a team from Greece Bay to capture top spot in the invitational tournament.

The Lightning, hanging on to a playoff spot as the RAMHL season enters its final stage, have an important road trip this weekend with games against division rivals in Cambridge and Lloydminster.



The Colts' Justin Duncalfe is escorted to the penalty box after a scuffle with Andy Willigar of the Thrashers. Three Hills fought hard to earn a 4-3 victory

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Bessie Eckstrand

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OBITUARY



SHAUER

Esther Shauer was born on June 17th, 1910 in Josephsburg, Alberta to Henry and Catherine Schaefer. She married Gus Shauer on Feb. 23rd, 1934 in Sibbald, Alberta where they lived until moving to Carstairs, Alberta in 1937. In 1946 they purchased land near Alix, Alberta where they farmed until their retirement in 1964. They enjoyed their retirement years in Stettler, Alberta until her beloved Gus passed away in 1978. As Esther's health began to fail, she chose to move into Heart Haven Lodge in Stettler

where she lived until 2002 then moving to Linden Nursing Home in Linden, Alberta.

Esther loved life and took great delight in her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a cheerful, generous, hard working and loving person that was a friend to all. Those left to cherish her memory are four children. Three daughters, Evelyn Kagey of Bend, Oregon, Dorothy Moore of Didsbury, Alberta and Myna Jewell of Edmonton, Alberta and son Russell Shauer of Prince Rupert, British Columbia. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren. Her surviving siblings are Elsie Tetz and Anna Jakubiec of Lloydminster, and Hilda Wiggins of Innisfail. Mrs. Shauer was pre-deceased by her husband Gus and two son's Kenneth and Nivan. A service in her memory was held at Stettler Baptist Church on Saturday, January 8th, 2005 at 2 p.m. Brennan Funeral Chapel of Stettler is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

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Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip

Bus trip to Stage West March 2nd. Costs \$45. Money must be in by February 4th. Bus leaves complex at 10 a.m. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Canadian Stick Curling Classic 2005

Choose 1 day (Feb. 15 to 18) to curl & qualify. 32 qualifying teams Play off on Feb. 19 Daytime curling only. Limit of 64 two-person teams. Entry fee \$50 per team. Event winner prizes. Registration deadline Feb. 8th. Call Carson 335-4954 or Garry 335-4776.

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4-H Workshop

If you will be judging a 4-H Public Speaking or Presentation competition in 2005, please attend one of the following FREE workshops: Thurs., Jan. 20 - Airdrie (Agriculture building); Wed., Jan. 26 - Spruce Meadows. Call Laurie 948-6729 or 819-1755 for more info.

Didsbury & District Community Bus Trip

Didsbury & District Bus trip Wednesday, January 19 going to Cash Casino Calgary. Bus leaves complex at 10 a.m. Costs \$10. Call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Valentine's Dinner and Dance Sat., Feb. 12th at the Darique Lodge. Roast beef dinner, live band and sleigh ride, silent auction, 50/50 draw and lots of prizes. Tickets \$30 - call 932-5109 or visit Bottler store.

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"Memories of Don Messer". Musical swinging & country singing at Bert Church Theatre in Airdrie Feb. 8. Watch for details or call Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449.

Mountain View

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We play Friday nights at 7:00 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. 16+ Call Byron 335-2229.

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Airdrie Welcome Wagon Baby Showcase

Sunday Mar. 6, 2005. Airdrie Town and Country Centre 1-4. Lots of great sponsors, children's fashion show, maternity fashion show. You must register to participate. Call Vicki Lynne for your free invitation and to register 948-3860.

ONGOING EVENTS

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AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Train Station, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-9107 or 335-9372 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

is now accepting registrations for 2004-2005 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Provides free accessible mental health services. Which inc. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SPECIAL FAMILIES

RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 - 4:30. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284.

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